

## Nunes hosts three top officials in Valley

Rep. Devin Nunes welcomed three top federal officials to the Central Valley during August.

Medicare Administrator Mark McClellan came to Fresno Aug. 11 to talk to the congressman and health care officials about the new prescription drug benefit to go into effect in January. Senior citizens on Medicare are encouraged to enroll in the program beginning in November. The new drug benefit will mean substantial savings for the cost of prescription medication, especially for those who are on very low incomes.

On Aug. 12, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns stopped in Fresno at the request of Rep. Nunes to speak

to farmers and community leaders about the upcoming Farm Bill to be considered by Congress and the Administration.

He later participated in the grand opening of the Valley's first ethanol plant in Goshen.

Then, on Aug. 15, Bob Goodlatte, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture came to Clovis to tour Wawona Frozen Foods with the congressman. Wawona produces many healthy products for school lunches, to which the chair-



**Rep. Devin Nunes, right, speaks with Medicare Administrator Mark McClellan, left, during a meeting in August.**

man said, "Get them (to our schools) in the east."

## Nunes gathers vets for history project

Working with the Library of Congress, Rep. Devin Nunes hosted the first of several events to record the war stories of veterans in the 21st Congressional District.

"We must never forget nor take for granted the cost of freedom that continues to preserve our way of life," Rep. Nunes said. "The history of that sacrifice is stored in the hearts and minds of the men and women of our military who make the effort. By recording their stories and gathering their mementos, we can preserve and learn from them for generations to come."

Rep. Nunes kicked off the Veterans Oral History Project at the Clovis American Legion Hall, Post 147 HQ in Clovis.

The need to document the

experiences of U.S. veterans is at an all-time high. As many as 1,600 veterans die every day, according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. In the 21st Congressional District, which covers all of Tulare County and about a third of Fresno County, there are more than 41,200 veterans.

Volunteers were on hand to record the stories of veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf or the current War on Terror. The audio interviews and any memorabilia were documented and shipped to the Library of Congress. Samples of interviews already on hand can be seen at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets).

Veterans interested in telling their wartime remem-



**Rep. Devin Nunes talks with James Bray of Clovis about his experiences as a young Merchant Marine serving in the Pacific during World War II.**

brances should make an appointment for future events by contacting Rep. Nunes' office at (559)733-3861 or (559) 323-5235.

### Quick Facts

In August, Rep. Nunes organized tours of the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Kennedy Center, National Archives, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Mt. Vernon for 121 constituents.

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purposes other than flood control or to meet contractual obligations.

- Requires that the proceeds of the Friant surcharge be used primarily for San Joaquin actions that contribute to the achievement of Bay/Delta obligations as appropriate.

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- Provides for CVPIA payments to be credited against repayment of the CVP.

- Provides for the use of Restoration funds collected from Friant Division be used for water acquisition and facility construction.

- Replaces the CVP only obligation to double anadromous fish with a requirement of participation in the large state effort established by the Salmon, Steelhead, Trout and Anadromous Fisheries Program.